



The two princes approached opossum warily. When they got near the bottom of opossum's tree he said, in a strange voice: "I am ego the mosquito and if you would like to know what happened to the tree I will tell you." The strange creature was latched on to opossum's ear and was fiercely whispering into it. The elf prince said: "that tree was my friend; please tell me what happened to it." Opossum looked ill for a moment, struggling, and then replied: "Opossum burned it down because it was blocking his view of the meadow, where his children played. He didn't have the nerve to do it himself so I helped."

"But who are you?" replied Abies, "that tree didn't deserve to die!" Opossum tried to run away but the creature held it tighter. "No, no prince, opossum deserves his view much more than that tree deserved to live, I can assure you, opossum is much better. Ha, ha, ha, ha! Just as I am much better than you little princes, for I am Ego the Mosquito! Your forest will be mine whenever I desire it. But I have business to attend at home." With that Ego the Mosquito opened a strange door in the side of opossum's tree and disappeared. The Elf prince shouted after it "This forest will never let you turn it into something as awful as you!" Opossum collapsed and looked ill, hiding its scorched paws into its pocket. The princes rushed to opossum, but it was too late and opossum fell into a coma.

The princes knew that they must follow Ego and find out where it went before more damage happened to their beloved forest. So they went back to their nest to discuss what to do.

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